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<u>US PATENT APPLICATION</u> NATIONAL PHASE OF PCT / IB00 / 01312

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<u>PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL</u> UNDER THE PROVISION OF 37 CFR 1.102(d)

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Applicants respectfully request that the U.S. patent application corresponding to the National Phase of the PCT patent application PCT / IB00 / 01312 be made special and be the subject of an accelerated examination under the provision of 37 CFR 1.102 (d) I and VIII.

Applicants respectfully claim to have designed and manufactured the first internet transaction assistant that automatically provides an actual digital contract that the user can use to support claims or complaints in case the user has been abused or defrauded when buying online.

Nine lawyers around the world have certified that the digital contract provided by the Transaction Assistant is actually the contract between the merchant and the consumer because it fully represent the conditions under which the consumer make a decision to purchase and the legal content of the offer that is posted on the website.

The Transaction Assistant reduces the risk of online fraud and increases the ability of consumer to protect their rights.

A technical presentation of the transaction assistant is given in Appendix B.

Thus, it is of special interest for the public that this Transaction Assistant be promoted as soon as possible.

I/ 37 CFR 1.102 (d) I - MANUFACTURE

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A/ That transaction assistant, called Kiecoo because it is the contrary of a cookie, may be downloaded from the applicants' website Kiecoo.com.

Applicants have launched a company, TransactionAssistant, LLC (previously RightInside, LLC, to promote and distribute that transaction assistant.

B/ That company is trying to raise money from ventures capitalists. Those ventures capitalists are not willing to invest money in the company as long as the basic U.S. patents unless certain that the patent will be granted.

The invention cannot be distributed without hiring an experienced sale director and without installing a small facility in the United States.

C/ The Applicants' company is able to manufacture and distribute the invention in quantity immediately upon the allowance of claims or issuance of a patent which will protect the investment of capital and facilities.

D/ Three patent applications have been combined into the PCT Patent application that now enters the U.S. national phase. Three European Search Reports have been issued and show no relevant prior art. All the documents cited in the European Search Reports are carefully discussed in Appendix A.

II/ 37 CFR 1.102 (d) VIII - SPECIAL EXAMINING PROCEDURE FOR CERTAIN NEW APPLICATIONS – ACCELERATED EXAMINATION

All the claims are directed to a single invention. There is only one independent method claim and only one independent device claim that precisely reflects the method claim.

If the Office determines that all the claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention, Applicants will make an election without traverse of the invention claimed in the independent method claim.

Applicants submit three Search Reports made by the European Patent Office and a detailed discussion of each reference cited in those Search Reports.

For all the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully request that the present patent application be made special and be the subject of an accelerated examination under examined 37 CFR 1.102 (d) I and VIII.

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